

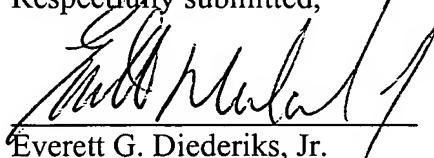
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement between the subject matter of claim 6, the subject matter of claim 7 and the subject matter of claims 8 and 9. With respect to claims 8 and 9, it is noted that the Examiner has renumbered these claims, which the Applicant appreciates. As outlined by the Examiner, claim 6 is directed to an apparatus for converting a vertically focusing binocular microscope, claim 7 is drawn to a test tube holder, and claims 8 and 9 are drawn to a process of analyzing a sample.

With respect to the restriction of claims 8 and 9 from the remaining claims, the Applicant would initially elect, without traverse, the subject matter of claims 8 and 9. Certainly, the Applicant reverses the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of claims 6 and 7. With respect to the restriction between claims 6 and 7, the Applicant would agree with the Examiner that these claims are related as sub-combinations.

In any case, for purposes of the present application, the Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the subject matter of claims 8 and 9 for prosecution and, in due course, the Applicant will cancel the non-elected claims. Therefore, an Office Action on the merits in connection with the subject matter of claims 8 and 9 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any concerns regarding this election, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below in order to further expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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